

Offertory
*Gloria Patri No. 581
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication**

WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

***Hymn of Commissioning** Alas! Did My Savior Bleed No. 212

***Benediction**

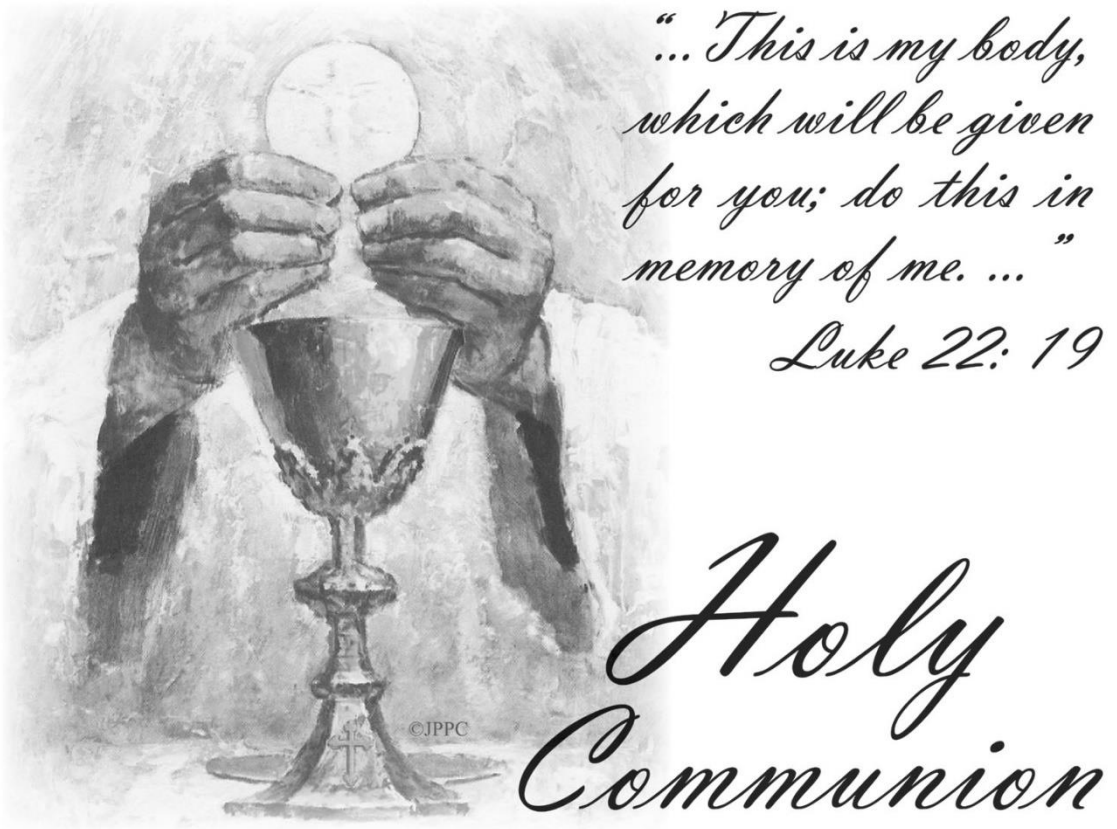
Postlude
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Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church
Sunday Order of Worship
January 7, 2024

Prayer of Preparation
God of grace and glory, you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved Son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

Welcoming and Announcements
Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Folder in the pew rack. **Visitors:** Please completely fill out your name, mailing address, and e-mail address to enable us to extend our Christian hospitality. Please pass the folder to your neighbor, and then return it to the center aisle with the cover open so that you may learn the names of the other worshipers. **For hearing or sight impaired worshipers:** Sound Enhancement Receivers and Large Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

***Greeting One Another in Love**

PREPARATION FOR THE WORD

Prelude

Call to Worship
All who thirst, come to the water and drink deeply of these living streams. Come, all who are weary; come, all who yearn for forgiveness. Our gracious God beckons and blesses us. Let us give praise for new life in Christ.

***Hymn of Praise** All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name No.263

***Prayer of Confession (Unison)**
Loving God, Lord of the Church, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed: we have not loved You with all our heart or served You with all our strength; we have been blind to the vision of a renewed world and deaf to Your call to costly discipleship; we have been indifferent to the suffering of others and unwilling to forgive one another. In Your mercy, Lord, pardon and restore us, that together in the ministry of Christ we may serve You with joy all the days of our life. Amen.

***Assurance of God’s Grace**
This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to You, that God is light and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin. —1 John 1:5-7, NRSV

WE LISTEN TO GOD’S WORD		
Prayer for Illumination		
First Scripture Lesson Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	Genesis 1:1-5	Pew Bible page 1
Second Scripture Lesson Leader: The word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.	Mark 1:4-11	Pew Bible page 707
Anthem		
Sermon	When God Acts	Rev. Russ Weekley

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

***Hymn of the Day** Great is Thy Faithfulness No. 39

Ordination and Installation of New Elders – see insert

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Words of Institution

Communion of the People
(gluten free bread served)

The Lord’s Prayer

The Offering